

1. A method of switching between text and audio in an electronic book,
2 comprising the steps of:
providing the text and audio in indexed form;
4 receiving a request from a user to switch from text to audio or vice-versa; and
synchronizing the switching in accordance with the indexing of the text and
6 audio.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of synchronizing is based on a
2 word, a sentence or a paragraph, or as selected by the user.

3. The method of claim 1, further including the step of repeating a certain
2 portion of the content ("short rewind") to make sure that the flow of the story is
preserved.

4. The method of claim 1, further including the step of storing and retrieving
2 a brief update summary of the story line to preserve continuity, especially in the case
where the audio content is not verbatim.